Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan

797. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term appraisal of the Eighth Five Year Plan has been carried out by a Member of the Planning Commissioin;

(b) whether this appriasal reveals that since the commencement of the economic reforms, poeverty has deepened and employment opportunities have declined and both domestic and public sectors saving have fallen;

(c) whether this appraisal is being kept away from the public; and

(d) what mid-term corrections are being applied to achieve the results/targets that were set out at the time, the economic reform stated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (c) The necessary exercise pertaining to Mid-Term Appraisal (MTA) of the Eights Five Year Plan (1992—97) is underway in the Planning Commission in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

(b) and (d) These questions do not arise since the Mid-Term Appraisal has not been completed as yet.

SHARE OF INDIAN 'Basmati Rice' in World Market

798. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of Indian 'Basmati rice' in the World market;

(b) what are the future estimates of Basmati rice exports and foreign exchange earning therefrom; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to encourage farmers to market the produce abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Indian Basmati Rice accounts for about 3% of the world

(b) It is not possible to estimate the likely amount of foreign exchange to be earned in future from export of basmati rice as this will be determined by the quantity likely to be exported (depending on domestic availablity and demand) as well as international prices prevailing at the time of export.

(c) Exports of rice are not canalised and are permitted without any price and quality restrictions. There is no specific proposal to encourage farmers to sell their produce abroad directly.

Per-Capita Growth Rate

799. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total per-capita growth rates in agriculture, industry and service sectors in the country during the last three years, State/Union territory-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether these growth rates are very low in comparison to that of the last decade:

(c) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) A Statement is placed below. *(See* below).

(c) The per capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) differ among the States for various reasons like historically uneven development of infrastructure. industrial and entrepreneurship development in various regions year to year variations in rain fall and subsequent droughts and floods and population growth;

(d) The State Governments are implementing development plans for increasing income of the States. The Central Government provides Central Assistance for State Plans according to a formula in which higher weightage is given to States